



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/687,542  
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Applicant: Alan Phillips et. al.  
Group Art Unit: 3724  
Examiner: Carolyn T. Blake  
Title: Blade Clamp Assembly  
Attorney Docket: JK-01474

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**AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 7/14/2006, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

Applicants hereby petitions under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action and includes a fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) with this response for such extension of time.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.